

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on February 2, 2007 at 2:53 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 13, HB 407, HB 410, HB 416,
1/30/2007
Executive Action: HB 410

HEARING ON HB 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:26 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 13,
Pay plan for state employees.

EXHIBIT(aph23a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:37 David Ewer, Governor's Budget Director

00:15:26 Paula Stoll, Chief, State Office of Labor Relations

EXHIBIT(aph23a02)

00:23:06 Randy Morris, Administrator, State Department of
Administration

00:27:53 Tom Burgess, Field Consultant, MEA/MFT

EXHIBIT(aph23a03)

00:30:55 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Organization

00:31:36 Mick Robinson, Associate Commissioner, Montana
University System

EXHIBIT(aph23a04)

00:32:31 Linda McCullough, Superintendent of Public Instruction

EXHIBIT(aph23a05)

00:33:29 Director Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of
Transportation (DOT)

00:38:04 George Harris, Acting Director, Board of Livestock

00:41:25 Denver Henderson, lobbyist for Student Body, University
of Montana; also representing Bill Johnston and other
lobbyists of University of Montana, Billings

00:42:22 Tom Livers, Deputy Director, Department of
Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:43:12 Rhonda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

00:43:41 Cathy Conover, Montana University System

00:45:00 Jason Miller, State AFL/CIO

00:45:06 Pete Parsons, American Federation of State, County and
Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:55 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:46:05 Rep. Sesso

00:46:59 Paula Stoll

00:47:40 Rep. Sinrud

00:48:52 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:49:12 Rep. Sinrud

00:49:32 Mr. Schneider
00:51:11 Rep. Glaser
00:51:57 Mr. Schneider
00:52:06 Rep. Franklin
00:52:31 Rep. Beck
00:54:48 Mr. Morris
00:55:16 Rep. Morgan
00:55:45 Rep. Sinrud
00:57:44 Rep. Taylor
00:58:16 Rep. Sesso
01:00:21 Amy Sassano, Governor's Budget Office

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:00 Rep. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 407

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:05:15 Rep. Chas Vincent (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB
407, Allocate funds to Libby asbestos medical plan.

01:05:36 Vice Chairman Taylor assumes chair

[EXHIBIT \(aph23a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:57 Rep. Ralph Heinert

01:10:59 Sen. Aubyn Curtis

01:11:32 Michelle Rhinehart on behalf of her grandfather McMills

01:13:35 Leroy Tom, Libby businessman

01:17:39 Karol Spas, Libby, public health nurse

[EXHIBIT \(aph23a07\)](#)

01:20:27 Rep. Sinrud resumes chair

01:21:17 Dr. Brad Black, Lincoln County Public Health Officer
(written testimony read into the record by Ms. Spas)

[EXHIBIT \(aph23a08\)](#)

01:23:21 Bill Patten, Chief Executive Officer, St. Johns'
Hospital, Libby

01:25:44 Gerald Mueller, Missoula, written testimony

[EXHIBIT \(aph23a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:28:36 Dale McBride, Chief Financial Officer, Public
Health and Safety Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:29:26 Rep. Morgan
01:29:47 Rep. Sinrud
01:30:17 Rep. Morgan
01:30:49 Mr. Patten
01:31:04 Rep. Morgan
01:31:23 Rep. Vincent
01:32:23 Mr. Patten
01:33:09 Rep. Beck
01:33:57 Rep. Vincent
01:34:22 Mr. Patten
01:34:56 Rep. Kasten
01:36:21 Mr. Patten
01:37:22 Rep. Franklin
01:37:47 Mr. McBride
01:38:44 Rep. Sinrud
01:38:53 Mr. McBride

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:10 Rep. Vincent read letter from Rita Windham, Chair,
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners (exhibit not
provided)

HEARING ON HB 410

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:41:36 Rep. Shannon Augare (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on
HB 410, Create task force on reducing poverty in
Montana.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:37 Rep. Augare

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 410

01:42:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Franklin moved that **HB 410 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

HEARING ON HB 416

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:43:17 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 416, Local government planning assistance.

EXHIBIT(aph23a10)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:45:19 Sen. Rick Laible

01:49:31 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners

01:52:21 Greg Chilcott, Chairman, Board of Commissioners,
Ravalli County

01:56:09 Karen Hughes, Planning Director, Ravalli County

01:57:26 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Corporation

EXHIBIT(aph23a11)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:02 Rep. Ripley

02:00:37 Rep. MacLaren

02:01:11 Rep. Kasten

02:01:56 Sen. Laible

02:02:14 Rep. Beck

02:02:31 Rep. MacLaren

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:57 Rep. MacLaren

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:57 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph23aad.pdf](#))